THE BREAKER
New Waves

HAAH? BRING GOOMOONRYONG?

WHAT IN THE WORLD MADE YOU SAY THAT? PLUS, IF HE REALLY BRINGS HIM, WON'T IT GET COMPLICATED?

IT'S TO ENSURE THAT THIS JOB GETS DONE PROPERLY.

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THERE IS NO WAY THAT GOOMOONRYONG WILL COME.

OF COURSE HE WON'T. WHAT I MEAN IS, WHY ARE WE WASTING A WHOLE WEEK LIKE THAT?

THAT MEANS THAT HE MUST HAVE BACKERS, WHOSE SKILLS ARE NOT TO BE UNDERESTIMATED.

HE'S MANAGED TO SURVIVE, DESPITE NUMEROUS ATTACKS.

WHO KNOWS WHAT UNTHINKABLE HUMILIATIONS MAY LIE IN WAIT FOR US?

IF WE KILL HIM WITHOUT DETERMINING THE NATURE OF HIS BACKERS,

SO, SEEKING OUT GOOMOONRYONG IS A FEINT. REGARDLESS... IT'S JUST AN EXCUSE TO BUY US SOME TIME, RIGHT?

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THAT IS UNLIKELY, BUT I AM URGING CAUTION NONETHELESS.

HEH... MAYBE YOU'RE AFRAID THE HEAVENLY WAY OR THE SUNWOO CLAN MIGHT BE BEHIND HIM?

WE'VE TAKEN HIS LIFE IN OUR HANDS, AND THEN LET HIM GO. HIS HIDDEN BACKERS WILL MAKE THEIR MOVE IN THIS SITUATION.

OH, BUT SERA NOONA, WHAT IF THE "BUSH" RUNS AWAY FIRST?

YOU'D BETTER PREPARE YOURSELF, BECAUSE THERE'S A CHANCE AN UNEXPECTEDLY BIG SNAKE MIGHT COME OUT.

HM... IS THIS WHAT IS MEANT BY "BEAT THE BUSH TO DRIVE OUT THE SNAKE*"?

I DON'T SEE HIM AS SOMEONE WHO'D RUN AWAY WHILE LEAVING THOSE AROUND HIM IN DANGER.

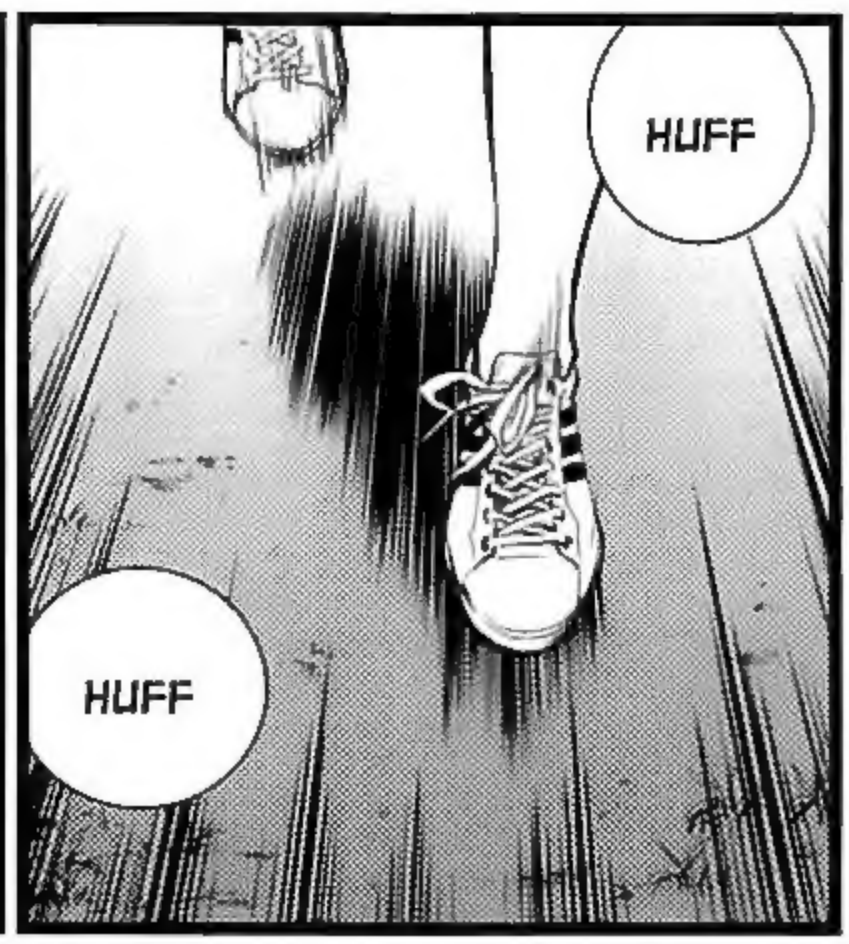
HEH, HOW EXCITING!

[*- "TA-CHO GYEONG-SA": LIT. "HIT GRASS, SURPRISE SNAKE"; A KOREAN SAYING FOR CREATING A RUSE IN ORDER TO MAKE THE ENEMY REVEAL ONESELF]

HMM. DOES THIS MEAN I SHOULD MAKE USE OF HIS GIRLFRIEND AGAIN?

YES, MA'AM~! I'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND, SERA NOONA.

KEEP THIS IN MIND. UNTIL WE KNOW WHO IS PULLING THE STRINGS, THAT KID MUST NOT BE KILLED.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UNITED STATES
COAST GUARD

YOU REALLY ARE SOMETHING. AFTER WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY, ARE YOU STILL IN THE MINDSET FOR MORNING EXERCISE?

HUU~

YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT... WE DO HAVE A WEEK, SO THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH, RIGHT?

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I DIDN'T GET A WINK OF SLEEP AFTER YESTERDAY'S FUBAR, Y'KNOW!

CRAAACK

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? A MANHWA-GA* WITH A WEEKLY DEADLINE?!

OW... OW...!

[*- "MANHWA" ARTIST"; THE AUTHORS POKING FUN AT THEMSELVES(?)]

I GAVE IT SOME THOUGHT, AND I THINK I'LL GO TO THE MARTIAL ARTS ALLIANCE ABOUT THIS.

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SO, I WONDER IF THE ALLIANCE HAS A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM.

AFTER ALL, IT WAS THE ALLIANCE THAT CERTIFIED THAT I AM NOT A MURIM-IN*.

[*- A PERSON BELONGING TO THE MURIM, THE MARTIAL ARTS WORLD]

YOU REALLY HAVE A DEATH WISH, DON'T YOU?

AND HEY! I DON'T THINK YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND YOUR SITUATION, BUT...

...?

AH, WHATEVER, EXPLAINING IT WILL TAKE TOO LONG. ANYWAY, THE ALLIANCE CAN'T HELP YOU.

SO IF YOU WANT TO GET THROUGH THIS ALIVE, YOU SHOULD GO BEG THE SUNWOO CLAN FOR HELP INSTEAD.

HUH? WHAT?

THAT COULD MEAN THAT WHOEVER'S PULLING THEIR STRINGS IS SOMEONE WHO CAN MATCH GOOMOONRYONG, YOU UNDERSTAND? IN OTHER WORDS, YOUR LIFE IS WORTHLESS TO THOSE GUYS.

JUST THINK. THOSE GUYS, JI-GUN, SERA -- THEIR SKILL LEVEL WAS NO JOKING MATTER.

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THANKS. FOR WORRYING ABOUT ME.

BUT THEY LET YOU GO, AND TOLD YOU TO BRING GOOMOONRYONG.

SO. WILL YOU GO TO THE SUNWOO CLAN?

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OI! YI SHIOON, YOU....!!

LET'S GO, WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.

YOU MAY BE RIGHT, BUT I WON'T GO TO THE SUNWOO CLAN AFTER ALL.

HUH?!

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AH,
IT'S GOOD
TO SEE YOU
AGAIN.

I WAS TOLD THAT
SHIOON-NIM HAD
SUMMONED ME.

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AND
WHAT
BRINGS
YOU HERE
TODAY?

WHAT?

I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I? YOU HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE. GO RIGHT NOW TO THE SUNWOO CLAN, AND ASK FOR THEIR PROTECTION.

JUST GET IN THE CAR, AND GO TO THE SUNWOO CLAN!

HAAH~

JINIE JUST MISUNDERSTOOD ME, THAT'S ALL. PLEASE, JUST GO BACK.

HOLD ON! JUST WHY ARE YOU BEING SO STUBBORN ABOUT THIS?!

HEY! YI SHIOON!

EVEN SO, I CAN'T BECOME A MURIM-IN AGAIN. THAT WOULD GO AGAINST SUNSENGNIM'S WISHES.

WHAT OTHER CHOICE DO YOU HAVE, OTHER THAN THE SUNWOO CLAN? YOU KNOW THEY'LL GET YOU AGAIN, IF YOU KEEP RUNNING AROUND ALONE!

THEN WHY DO YOU RUN AND TRAIN EVERY SINGLE MORNING, WITHOUT EVER SKIPPING?

DON'T GIMME THAT B.S.!

JUST ADMIT PROUDLY THAT YOU WANT TO BECOME A MURIM-IN, AND GET THE SUNWOO CLAN'S HELP!

WHY DON'T YOU BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF?!

T- THAT'S NOT IT.

AND THEN YOU CAN LOOK FOR A WAY TO REGAIN YOUR MARTIAL ARTS!

WHAT'S YOUR REASON FOR TRAINING SO HARD? ISN'T IT TO ULTIMATELY REGAIN YOUR MARTIAL ARTS?

N- NO, THAT'S NOT IT.

BECAUSE IT'S A PROMISE WITH SUNSENGNIM

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THEN WHY?

THE REASON I TRAIN EVERYDAY ISN'T TO REGAIN MY MARTIAL ARTS

I PROMISED HIM. THAT I WOULD TRAIN, WITHOUT SKIPPING A SINGLE DAY.

I'VE COME THIS FAR BECAUSE OF SUNSENGNIM, SO I INTEND TO KEEP MY PROMISE WITH HIM.

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER I REGAIN MY MARTIAL ARTS OR NOT.

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YOU...
YOU...!

IN ANY CASE, LET'S GO. WE'RE GONNA BE LATE FOR SCHOOL.

YOU STUPID! IDIOT! DON'T YOU CARE THAT OTHERS ARE WORRYING ABOUT YOU? DO YOU REALLY WANT TO DIE THAT BADLY?

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COUGH! COUGH!

ARE YOU OKAY, SHIOON-NIM?

MISS JINIE, WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY... HM?

CHEH!

TAK

IF YOU REALLY WANNA DIE, THEN WHY DON'T I KILL YOU INSTEAD? HUH?!

M- MISS JINIE. PLEASE CALM DOWN...

SO FREAKIN' PISSED THAT I CAN'T DO ANYTHING!

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JINIE...

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IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU, WHY DON'T I GIVE YOU TWO A RIDE TO SCHOOL?

SO ANGRY.

I'M SO ANGRY, DAMMIT.

VROOOOM

HOOO

IS THAT WHAT HAPPENED... I SEE.

I'VE NEVER BEFORE BEEN PUSHED THAT FAR BY SOMEONE AROUND MY AGE.

THAT JI-GUN BASTARD, EVEN I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH HIM NEXT TIME,

BUT THIS GUY HERE, HE DOESN'T EVEN REALIZE THAT...

HUH? YOU KNOW HIM?

"JI-GUN"... IS HE BY ANY CHANCE YOO JI-GUN?

WAIT.

[*- "MI SO GUM"]

"SMILING BLADE**" YOO JI-GUN! DID HE REALLY SHOW HIMSELF HERE?

[**- "SHIN LIM MUN"; NO HANJA GIVEN, DEDUCED TO BE "GOD/DIVINE, FOREST, SCHOOL/STYLE"]

HE MIGHT NOT BE FAMOUS, BUT HE'S SUPPOSEDLY A GENIUS AMONG GENIUSES IN THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF THE DIVINE FOREST SCHOOL**.

THERE WERE RUMORS THAT, WITH A SWORD, HE COULD CRUSH EVEN HYUK SO-CHUN.

SMILING BLADE?

[***- "JI GONG"]

NO... I THINK HIS FINGERS WERE LONG AND SLENDER...

PLEASE RECALL THE FIGHT CAREFULLY. DID HE REALLY USE A FINGER TECH? PEOPLE WHO USE FINGER TECHNIQUES USUALLY HAVE LARGE HANDS AND SHORT, BLUNT FINGERS.

SWORD ARTS? BUT I'M SURE HE USED A FINGER TECHNIQUE*** BACK THEN...

IF IT'S YOO JI-GUN, THEN IT ALL FITS.

HEY, WERE YOU LISTENING TO ME?! I SAID HE USED HIS FINGER!

IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN IT'S A SWORD ART, AND NOT A FINGER TECHNIQUE.

TOP MASTERS IN THE SWORD ARTS AREN'T LIMITED BY THE BLADE'S SIZE OR TYPE.

I'VE HEARD THAT THEY COULD EVEN USE A CHOPSTICK AS A SWORD.

WHAT NONSENSE... A FINGER, INSTEAD OF A SWORD...?

IT MAY BE HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT YOO JI-GUN PROBABLY SHRUNK DOWN HIS BLADE TO THE SMALLEST SIZE POSSIBLE, TO HIS FINGER.

TOKOTOKO

VROOOM

WOW~ WHAT AN EXPENSIVE LOOKING CAR.

HOLD ON! SO IF THAT GUY USES A REAL SWORD, THEN...?

YOOHOO~! GOING TO SCHOOL?

THEN THE LIMITS OF HIS POWERS MAY BE UNFATHOMABLE.

GOOD MORNING, SAEHEE~

'CAUSE THE "SMILING BLADE" YOO JI-GUN HAS ALREADY BEEN RECOGNIZED AS THE "BLADE STAR"* OF THE NEXT GENERATION.

[*- "GUM SUNG": LIT TRANSLATION. COULD BE A TITLE GIVEN TO A TOP SWORD MASTER, NOT UNLIKE YI GYOO-BUM'S TITLE, "SOUTHERN RED STAR"]